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SUBJECT: MISLEADING PRESS REPORTS ON NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS IN ECUADOR

- 1. TWO RECENT ARTICLES IN EL COMERCIO, THE LEADING QUITO NEWSPAPER, REPORTED THAT SPAIN AND ARGENTINA WILL SHORTLY SIGN SEPARATE AGREEMENTS WITH ECUADOR TO PROVIDE NUCLEAR REACTORS AND RELATED TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION.
- 2. THE ARTICLES ARE MISLEADING IN THAT ARGENTINA WILL PROVIDE ONLY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING, AND SOME LABORATORY EQUIPMENT USED IN PRODUCING RADIOISOTOPES. SPAIN WILL PROBABLY SELL TO ECUADOR, SOMETIME IN LATE 1978 OR EARLY 1979, A ONE MEGAWATT LABORATORY REACTOR DESIGNED FOR USE BY THE ECUADOREAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (EAEC) IN AGRICULTURAL, MEDICAL AND OTHER STUDIES. AN EAEC OFFICIAL ASSURED AN EMBOFF THAT ALL INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS AND SAFEGUARDS WILL BE RESPECTED.
- 3. THE EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT SHORTLY A MORE DETAILED REPORT ON THE BUDDING NUCLEAR ENERGY FIELD IN ECUADOR. CORR

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